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SUPPOSE YOU SUDDENLY DISCOVERED THAT YOUR FATHER WAS A JAILBIRD... A HOOD WITH A LONG CAREER OF CRIME! COULD YOU FACE YOUR FRIENDS? COULD YOU TAKE THE DISGRACE... THE SCORN... THE SNEERS? THESE ARE ONLY A FEW OF THE HEART-BREAKING PROBLEMS THAT CONFRONT JIMMY OLSEN WHEN HE SOLVES--

The MYSTERY of CONVICT 313!

YES, JIMMY! CONVICT 313 IS A HARDENED CRIMINAL, WITH A LONG RECORD! THEY SAY HE HAS A FORTUNE IN LOOT HIDDEN AWAY! WHY DID YOU ASK ABOUT HIM?

HOW CAN I TELL SUPERMAN THAT CONVICT 313 IS MY FATHER!

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ONE DAY, AT THE DAILY PLANET, CUB REPORTER JIMMY OLSEN RECEIVES A STRANGE MESSAGE...

THIS LETTER WAS PASTED TOGETHER WITH WORDS CUT FROM SEVERAL MAGAZINES. I CAN'T TRACE THE SENDER! HOW CAN I CHECK IF IT'S A HOAX OR A GENUINE SCOOP?

Olsen for THE SCOOP OF THE YEAR, INVESTIGATE prisoner NO. 313 in the metropolis PEN

I'VE GOT IT! I'LL ASK THE WARDEN'S PERMISSION TO SHOW THIS ANTI-CRIME FILM WHICH SUPERMAN JUST MADE. WHILE I'M AT THE PRISON, I'LL LOOK IN ON THIS MYSTERIOUS CONVICT, NO. 313!

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AND SO, SOME DAYS LATER, THE CONVICTS ARE TREATED TO A FILM SHOW...
THE NOTORIOUS CAT-BURGLAR CALLED "THE CREEP" USED SUCTION CUPS TO CLIMB UP WALLS! BUT SUPERMAN CAPTURED HIM AND PROVED CRIME DOES NOT PAY!
LOOK! IT'S ME, "THE CREEP"! I'M A MOVIE STAR! HAW, HAW!
WHILE THEY'RE ALL WATCHING THE SCREEN, I'LL HUNT FOR NO. 313! HE MUST BE IN THE CROWD!

PATROLLING THE AISLES, JIMMY DONS A STRANGE DEVICE...
THESE INFRA-RED GLASSES, MADE BY SUPERMAN, ALLOW ME TO SEE IN THE DARK BY MEANS OF "INVISIBLE LIGHT"!... OH-OH, THAT PRISONER TOOK ONE LOOK AT ME AND HEADED FOR THE EXIT! IT'S CONVICT NO. 313!

YOU HEARD ME! I GOT A PAIN IN MY STOMACH! LET ME OUT OF HERE!
TAKE HIM BACK TO HIS CELL!
THAT STOMACH-ACHE IS JUST AN ACT! FOR SOME REASON, THAT CON DUCKED OUT JUST TO AVOID ME! I'LL GET THE WARDEN'S PERMISSION TO SPEAK TO HIM!

OBTAINING A PASS, JIMMY VISITS THE PRISONER'S CELL, BUT THERE...
SOMEONE TO SEE YOU, 313! HEY, WHAT IN BLAZES...
I DON'T WANT ANY VISITORS! AND TAKE YOUR HAT OFF WHEN YOU TALK TO ME, PUNK!

STRIKING A GUARD, EH? OKAY, TOUGH GUY! IT'S THREE DAYS IN SOLITARY FOR YOU!
GOOD GRIEF! HE DELIBERATELY PICKED THAT FIGHT! THAT'S TWICE HE AVOIDED SPEAKING TO ME! BUT WHY? I'LL ASK THE WARDEN TO LOOK AT HIS RECORD!

PRESENTLY, IN THE WARDEN'S OFFICE...
NO. 313? THAT'S THE ONE THEY CALL "THE BRAIN", BECAUSE HE'S SO CLEVER!... I'M BUSY, OLSEN! THAT TRUSTEE WILL HELP YOU DIG HIS RECORD OUT OF THE FILES!
THANKS, WARDEN!
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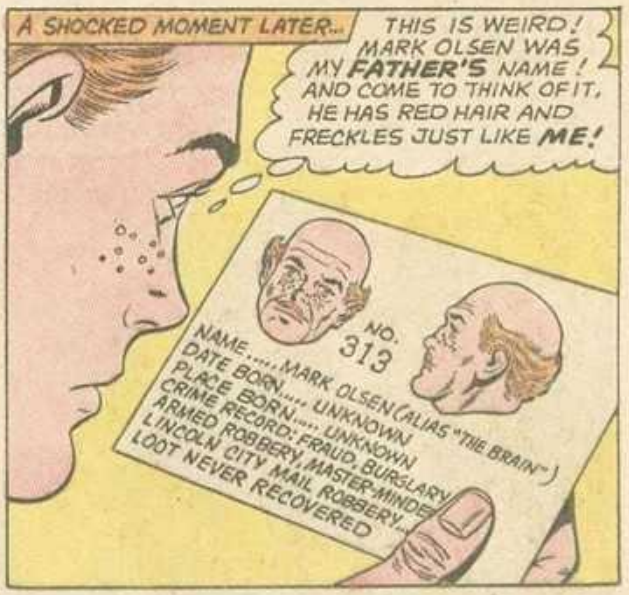
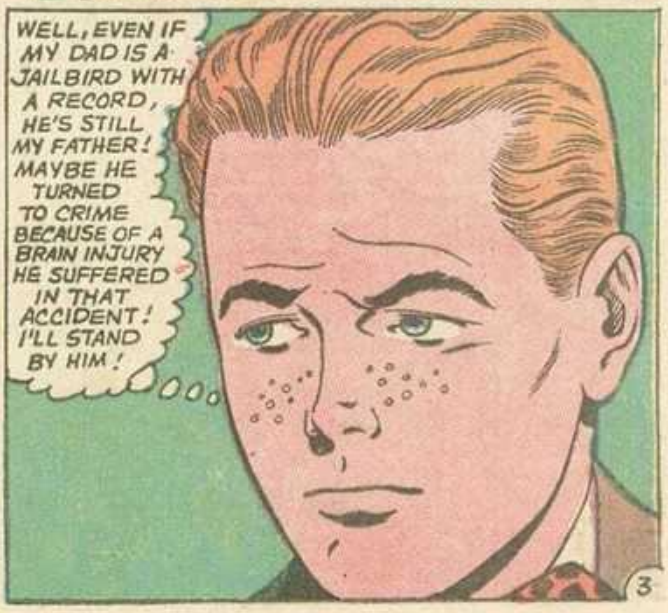

A SHOCKED MOMENT LATER...
THIS IS WEIRD! MARK OLSEN WAS MY FATHER'S NAME! AND COME TO THINK OF IT, HE HAS RED HAIR AND FRECKLES JUST LIKE ME!
NO. 313
NAME..... MARK OLSEN (ALIAS "THE BRAIN")
DATE BORN..... UNKNOWN
PLACE BORN..... UNKNOWN
CRIME RECORD: FRAUD, BURGLARY, ARMED ROBBERY, MASTER-MINDED LINCOLN CITY MAIL ROBBERY... LOOT NEVER RECOVERED

NOBODY KNOWS WHERE THE "BRAIN" CAME FROM, BUT HE OPERATED NEAR LINCOLN CITY... AND THAT'S WHERE I LOST MY PARENTS IN A TRAIN WRECK, AS A KID!

"I REMEMBER DAD WAS A CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER! HE WAS TRAVELLING TO A NEW JOB. WE WERE WITH HIM WHEN THAT GHASTLY ACCIDENT HAPPENED. I WAS THE ONLY ONE TO SURVIVE."
MOTHER! DAD! SOMEBODY SAVE THEM!
I'M SORRY, SON, THERE'S NO ONE LEFT ALIVE!

I WAS RAISED BY RELATIVES! THEY NEVER FOUND DAD'S BODY! I THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD... UNTIL NOW! CHOKE! AND WHAT A TWIST! TOMORROW'S FATHER'S DAY!
JUNE


WELL, EVEN IF MY DAD IS A JAILBIRD WITH A RECORD, HE'S STILL MY FATHER! MAYBE HE TURNED TO CRIME BECAUSE OF A BRAIN INJURY HE SUFFERED IN THAT ACCIDENT! I'LL STAND BY HIM!

THE NEXT MORNING, A STRANGE DRAMA TAKES PLACE IN THE PRISON'S VISITING ROOM...
NO MORE OF YOUR TRICKS, "BRAIN"! I BROUGHT YOU HERE BECAUSE THIS YOUNG MAN WANTS TO SEE YOU!
OKAY, PUNK! SPILL IT! WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
I JUST WANTED TO SAY..." HAPPY FATHER'S DAY", DAD!
DAD?!?! THEN YOU KNOW ABOUT ME... ABOUT US? WHO TOLD YOU? I'LL KILL HIM! KILL HIM! CHOKE!
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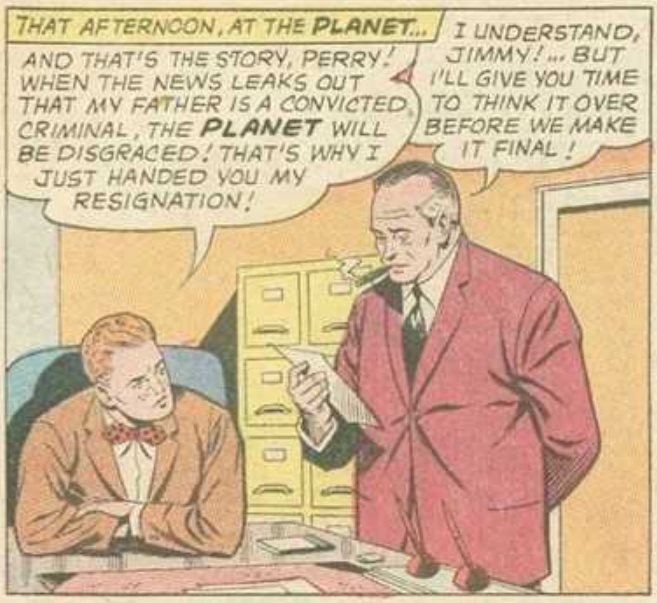
I THOUGHT THAT TRAIN WRECK HAD WIPED OUT MY FAMILY! SOMETHING SNAPPED INSIDE OF ME! IN MY SORROW, I TURNED TO CRIME! WHEN I FOUND YOU WERE ALIVE, I WAS ASHAMED TO FACE YOU! GO AWAY, SON! CHANGE YOUR NAME! FORGET ME! I'M STUCK HERE FOR THIRTY MORE YEARS!
DAD, LET ME HELP YOU! WE'LL BOTH BE PROUD OF THE NAME OLSEN YET!
IT'S TOO LATE! I HAVE NO RIGHT TO CALL YOU MY SON! PLEASE LEAVE AND DON'T COME BACK... GUARD, TAKE ME BACK TO SOLITARY!
DAD, WAIT!
GROAN! MY FATHER... I FOUND HIM AT LAST, BUT NOW HE DISOWNS ME!
BUT THE NEXT DAY, AT THE "PEN AND PENCIL CAFE", A REPORTER'S HANGOUT...
HI, JIMMY! BETTER DIG UP SOME SCOOPS SOON, OR THE PLANET WON'T BE GOOD FOR ANYTHING BUT WRAPPING FISH! HA, HA!
IT'S RICK MASON, A REPORTER FROM THE SENTINEL, A RIVAL NEWSPAPER! GULP! I'VE GOT A SCOOP, ALL RIGHT... THE STORY THAT MY FATHER'S A CONVICTED THIEF! CHOKE!
SPEAKING OF SCOOPS! HERE'S A HOT TIP ABOUT A BIG NEWS BREAK AT METROPOLIS PRISON AND...
EXCUSE ME, RICK, I'VE GOT TO TAKE OFF!
GASP! IT'S A PASTE-UP NOTE LIKE THE ONE I GOT! IF HE DISCOVERS THE TRUTH, THE STORY WILL HIT THE FRONT PAGE OF THE SENTINEL!


THAT AFTERNOON, AT THE PLANET...
AND THAT'S THE STORY, PERRY! WHEN THE NEWS LEAKS OUT THAT MY FATHER IS A CONVICTED CRIMINAL, THE PLANET WILL BE DISGRACED! THAT'S WHY I JUST HANDED YOU MY RESIGNATION!
I UNDERSTAND, JIMMY!... BUT I'LL GIVE YOU TIME TO THINK IT OVER BEFORE WE MAKE IT FINAL!

THE NEXT DAY, JIMMY PERFORMS ANOTHER SAD TASK...
LOIS, I DON'T HAVE THE HEART TO TELL YOUR SISTER, LUCY, I'M THE SON OF A CRIMINAL! PLEASE GIVE HER BACK THIS PICTURE, AND THESE LETTERS SHE SENT ME! I'LL NEVER BOTHER HER AGAIN!
I'M SORRY, JIMMY!
To Jimmy with Love, Lucy

THE FOLLOWING DAY, JIMMY VISITS THE PRISON ONCE MORE, AND...
SORRY, OLSEN! YOUR FATHER IS IN THE METAL SHOP, NOW! BUT HE REFUSES TO SEE YOU!
I THOUGHT THAT WOULD HAPPEN, THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT MY CAMERA AND FLASH-GUN! COULD YOU LET ME PRETEND TO TAKE PICTURES IN THE METAL SHOP? I'VE JUST GOT TO TALK TO HIM! I KNOW I CAN HELP HIM!

OKAY, OLSEN, BUT WATCH YOUR STEP! SOME OF THE TOUGHEST HOODS IN THE COUNTRY ARE IMPRISONED HERE!
I'LL BE CAREFUL!
MY DAD IN HERE WITH ALL THESE HARDENED CONVICTS! IT'S A BITTER PILL TO SWALLOW!

PRESENTLY, AS JIMMY IS SPOTTED BY PRISONER 313...
SON! WHY DID YOU COME HERE AGAIN? I BEGGED YOU NOT TO! SUPPOSE SOMEONE SHOULD FIND OUT!
IT'S TOO LATE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT, DAD! HERE, READ THIS PASTE-UP MESSAGE... AND I'LL TELL YOU THE REST!

AS JIMMY FINISHES EXPLAINING, SUDDENLY...
YOU MEAN ANOTHER LETTER LIKE THIS WAS SENT TO THE SENTINEL? OH, NO! HOW WILL I EVER FORGIVE MYSELF FOR SHAMING YOU!
DAD, WATCH OUT! THAT PRESS!

JIMMY'S LIGHTNING MOVE PREVENTS A TRAGIC ACCIDENT...
JIMMY, YOU SAVED ME! I MIGHT HAVE BEEN MAIMED FOR LIFE! I OWE YOU A DEBT I CAN NEVER REPAY!
DAD! YOU KNOW I'D DO ANYTHING FOR YOU! YOU'RE MY FATHER! CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND?
KRUNCH!
AT THAT MOMENT, A NEW MENACE...
WELL, WELL! LOOK WHO'S BECOMING PALSIE-WALSIE WITH JIMMY OLSEN, SUPERMAN'S FRIEND! WHAT'S UP, "BRAIN"? SQUEALING ABOUT OUR ESCAPE PLANS?
HE BROKE THE UNDERWORLD CODE, BOYS! BUT LET'S BE FAIR! WE'LL GIVE HIM A TRIAL!
OKAY, I'LL BE THE JUDGE! YOU MEN WITNESSED THE "BRAIN" RATTING TO OLSEN! YOU KNOW THE PENALTY FOR A SQUEALER!
A KANGAROO COURT! THEY'LL KILL US BEFORE THE GUARDS CAN GET HERE... UNLESS I CAN STOP THEM!
AN INSTANT LATER...
QUICK, DAD, SHIELD YOUR EYES!
LUCKILY I REMEMBERED THESE EXPERIMENTAL FLASHBULBS GIVEN ME BY PROFESSOR POTTER! THEY GO OFF WHENEVER THEY'RE DROPPED ACCIDENTALLY!
EEEYAH! MY EYES!
POP
POP
BANG
AS THE GUARDS COME RUNNING, JIMMY EXPLAINS...
THAT WAS SMART THINKING, OLSEN! THE EXPLODING FLASHBULBS STOPPED THOSE KILLERS BY BLINDING THEM TEMPORARILY!
NO CHEAP HOOD WILL LAY A HAND ON MY DAD, IF I CAN HELP IT!
LATER, AS JIMMY VISITS WITH CONVICT NO. 313...
YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE FOR MINE, JIMMY! I'M NOT WORTHY OF A SON LIKE YOU! IF I COULD ONLY MAKE AMENDS FOR THE LIFE I'VE LED!
YOU CAN, DAD! BY RETURNING THE LOOT OF THAT BIG MAIL ROBBERY! TELL ME WHERE YOU HID IT!

YOU'VE CONVINCED ME, SON! I BURIED THE STOLEN MONEY AT THE BASE OF EAGLE CLIFF! I'LL DRAW A MAP WITH THIS CHALK!
DAD! IT'S GRAND TO SEE YOU TURN OVER A NEW LEAF! RETURNING THE LOOT MAY EARN YOU A PARDON! WE'LL GO AWAY TOGETHER... START A NEW LIFE ELSEWHERE!

AFTER JIMMY MAKES A COPY OF THE MAP...
REMEMBER, SON, DON'T TRY TO DIG UP THE MONEY BY YOURSELF! MY GANG MAY FOLLOW YOU! ASK SUPERMAN TO HELP YOU!
HE'S AWAY ON A SECRET MISSION WITH BATMAN, BUT HE'LL BE BACK SOON! WE'LL LOCATE THE CACHE TOGETHER! GOODBYE FOR NOW, DAD!

WHILE WAITING FOR SUPERMAN'S RETURN, JIMMY VISITS HIS FAN CLUB...
SINCE DAD AND I MAY BE LEAVING METROPOLIS SOON, I'D BETTER SAY GOODBYE TO MY YOUNG FRIENDS! ;GULP!; BUT EXPLAINING ABOUT MY FATHER WON'T BE EASY!
JIMMY O
FAN CLU

IRONICALLY, JIMMY INTERRUPTS A "FATHER AND SON" MEETING WHERE EACH FAN IS TELLING ABOUT HIS PARENT'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS...
NOW THAT ANDY HAS TOLD US ABOUT HIS FATHER, THE SPACE SCIENTIST, WE'LL HEAR FROM OUR CLUB HERO, JIMMY OLSEN! I KNOW HE'LL BE HAPPY TO TELL US ABOUT HIS FATHER!
;GULP!; BET I WON'T BE A HERO AFTER THEY HEAR ME OUT!

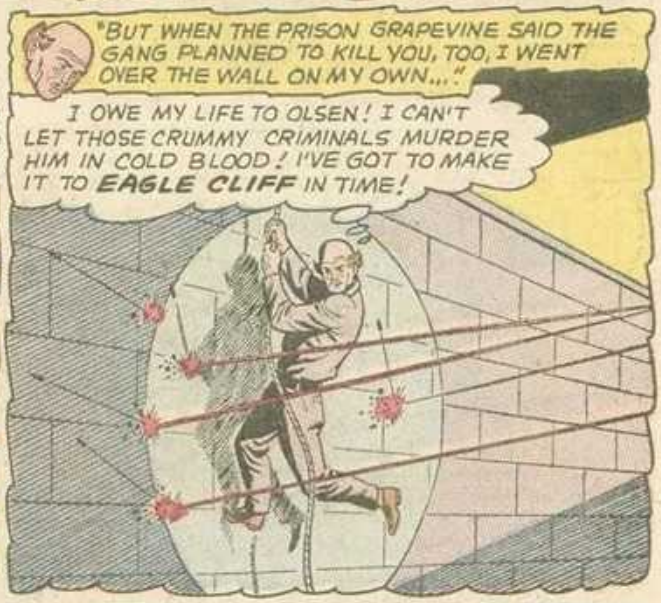
KIDS, I'M GLAD YOU APPRECIATE YOUR FATHERS! THEY'RE ALL FINE, UPSTANDING CITIZENS..MEN YOU CAN BE PROUD OF! BUT I WASN'T SO LUCKY...
HERE'S WHERE I DESTROY THEIR FAITH IN ME BY TELLING THEM ABOUT MY FATHER, A CONVICT!
BUT FATE INTERVENES, AS...
JIMMY! I'M BACK FROM MY MISSION, AND PERRY TOLD ME YOU WERE IN TROUBLE! WHAT'S UP?
SUPERMAN, AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!..SORRY, BOYS, BUT SUPERMAN AND I HAVE TO HANDLE AN IMPORTANT JOB NOW!
WHAT A RELIEF! I JUST COULDN'T BEAR TO TELL THE KIDS ABOUT MY DAD!

MOMENTS LATER, FAR FROM METROPOLIS...
I'M SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT DAD, JIMMY! BUT ONCE WE RECOVER THE LOOT HE STOLE, I'LL ASK THE GOVERNOR TO LIGHTEN HIS SENTENCE!
THANKS, SUPERMAN!... HEY, WAIT! THERE'S EAGLE CLIFF BELOW US! THAT'S WHERE DAD BURIED THE MONEY!
WITH HIS MIGHTY SUPER-STRENGTH, THE MAN OF STEEL RIPS INTO THE CLIFF...
MY X-RAY VISION DETECTS A LEADEN BOX UP AHEAD! IT MUST BE THE PLUNDER FROM THE MAIL ROBBERY! FOR JIMMY'S SAKE I'M GLAD THIS WASN'T A WILD-GOOSE CHASE!
BUT AS THE BOX IS OPENED, AN EERIE, GREEN GLOW LIGHTS UP THE TUNNEL...
GREEN KRYPTONITE! OWW!... THE PAIN... JIMMY! SAVE ME!
SUPERMAN! I HEAR HIM CALLING FOR HELP! GREAT SCOTT! I LED HIM INTO A KRYPTONITE BOOBY TRAP!
AT THAT INSTANT...
IT'S YOUR FINISH TOO, OLSEN! YOU WALKED RIGHT INTO THIS AMBUSH! HA, HA!
IT'S A TRICK! BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE DAD DOUBLE-CROSSED US!
RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT!
SUDDENLY, A SHADOWY FIGURE LEAPS INTO THE LINE OF FIRE...
DAD! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? GET BACK!
NEVER MIND ME...HELP..., SUPERMAN! I'LL SETTLE WITH THIS...CRUMB!
RATATATATATAT
JIMMY DARTS INTO THE TUNNEL, AND...
IT'S OKAY, SUPERMAN! I'LL GET YOU AWAY FROM THAT KRYPTONITE!
GROAN!... THANKS...JIMMY! I'LL BE ALL RIGHT AS SOON AS I... GET OUT OF THE RANGE OF THOSE RAYS WHICH ARE POISONOUS TO ME!

BUT OUTSIDE THE TUNNEL...
MY LEG... OWW!
DAD! YOU WOUNDED THAT HOOD WITH THE TOMMYGUN! BUT YOU'RE BADLY HURT, TOO!
I'M NOT YOUR FATHER, JIMMY... ALL A PLOT TO GET SUPERMAN! THE HEAD OF THE ANTI-SUPERMAN GANG PROMISED TO HELP ME ESCAPE PRISON IF I LURED SUPERMAN INTO A KRYPTONITE TRAP!

"THEY PICKED ME BECAUSE OF MY RED HAIR AND FRECKLES, AND BECAUSE OF MY REPUTATION FOR SHREWDNESS..."
AS A TRUSTEE I CAN SUBSTITUTE YOUR CARD FOR THIS FAKE RECORD IN THE WARDEN'S FILES! AND THEN THE BOSS WILL SEND A PASTE-UP MESSAGE TO LURE OLSEN HERE...
THEN I GO INTO MY BIG ACT! I UNDERSTAND! THEY DON'T CALL ME "BRAIN" FOR NOTHING!

"EVERYTHING WENT SMOOTHLY... UNTIL YOU SAVED MY LIFE THAT DAY IN THE METAL SHOP..."
FIRST HE SAVED ME FROM THE PRESS AND NOW HE RISKED HIS LIFE TO RESCUE ME FROM THOSE KILLERS! I'M A RAT FOR DOUBLE-CROSSING THIS KID. BUT THE GANG PROMISED TO GET ME OUT OF THIS JOINT!


"BUT WHEN THE PRISON GRAPEVINE SAID THE GANG PLANNED TO KILL YOU, TOO, I WENT OVER THE WALL ON MY OWN..."
I OWE MY LIFE TO OLSEN! I CAN'T LET THOSE CRUMMY CRIMINALS MURDER HIM IN COLD BLOOD! I'VE GOT TO MAKE IT TO EAGLE CLIFF IN TIME!

THEN... YOU'RE NOT... MY FATHER? -CHOKE!-
NO! BUT I WISH I'D HAD A SON LIKE YOU... THINGS MIGHT HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT WITH ME! GOODBYE, KID... I'M GOING... GOING!
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AS CONVICT NO. 313 BREATHES HIS LAST...
IT WAS ALL A SET-UP! I GUESS I WAS EASY TO FOOL BECAUSE I ALWAYS WANTED A FATHER! BUT I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO MY REAL DAD?
SOME DAY WE'LL FIND OUT, JIMMY... YOU AND I, TOGETHER!
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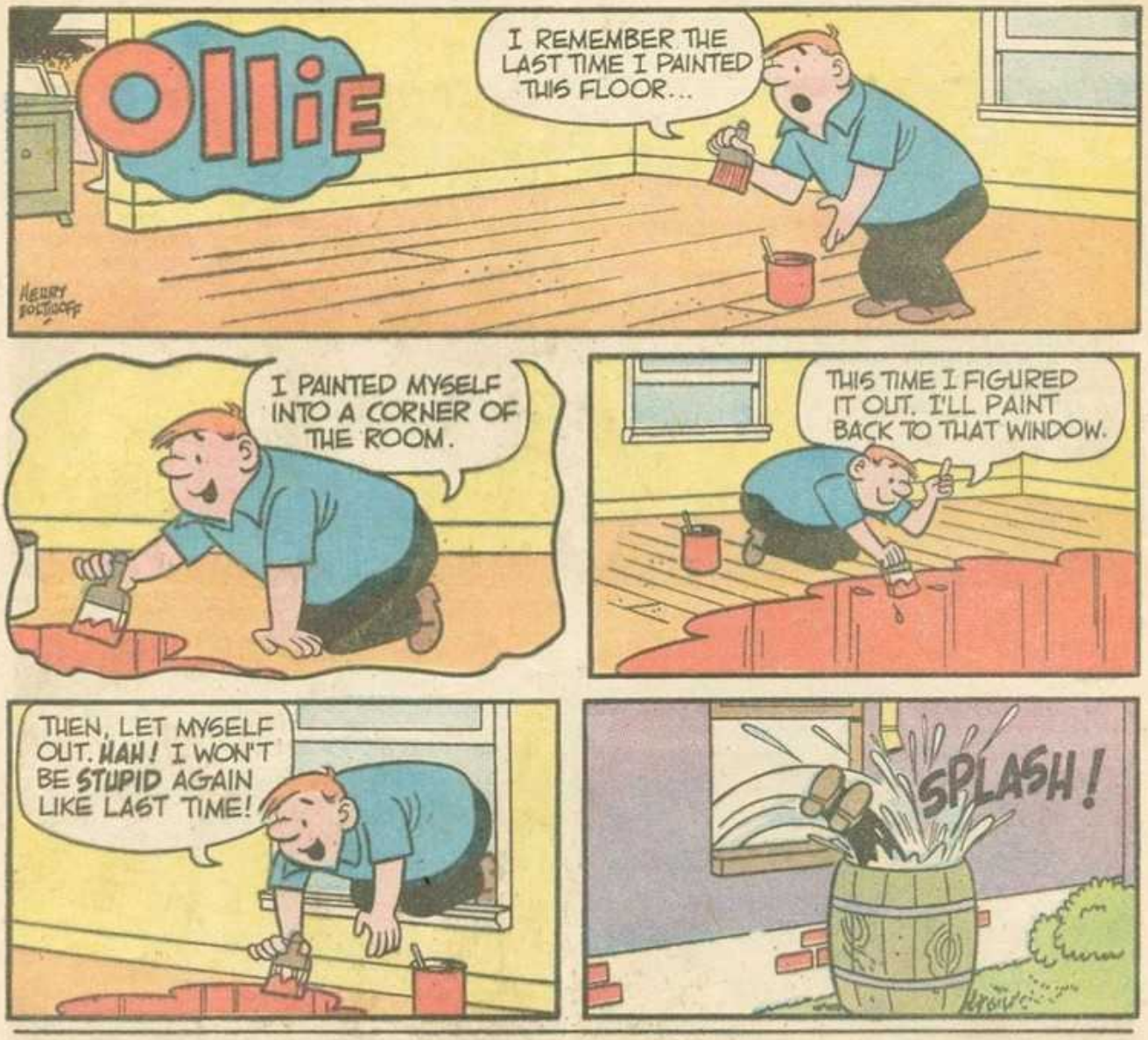
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I REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I PAINTED THIS FLOOR...
HENRY BOLTINOFF
I PAINTED MYSELF INTO A CORNER OF THE ROOM.
THIS TIME I FIGURED IT OUT. I'LL PAINT BACK TO THAT WINDOW.
THEN, LET MYSELF OUT. HAH! I WON'T BE STUPID AGAIN LIKE LAST TIME!
SPLASH!

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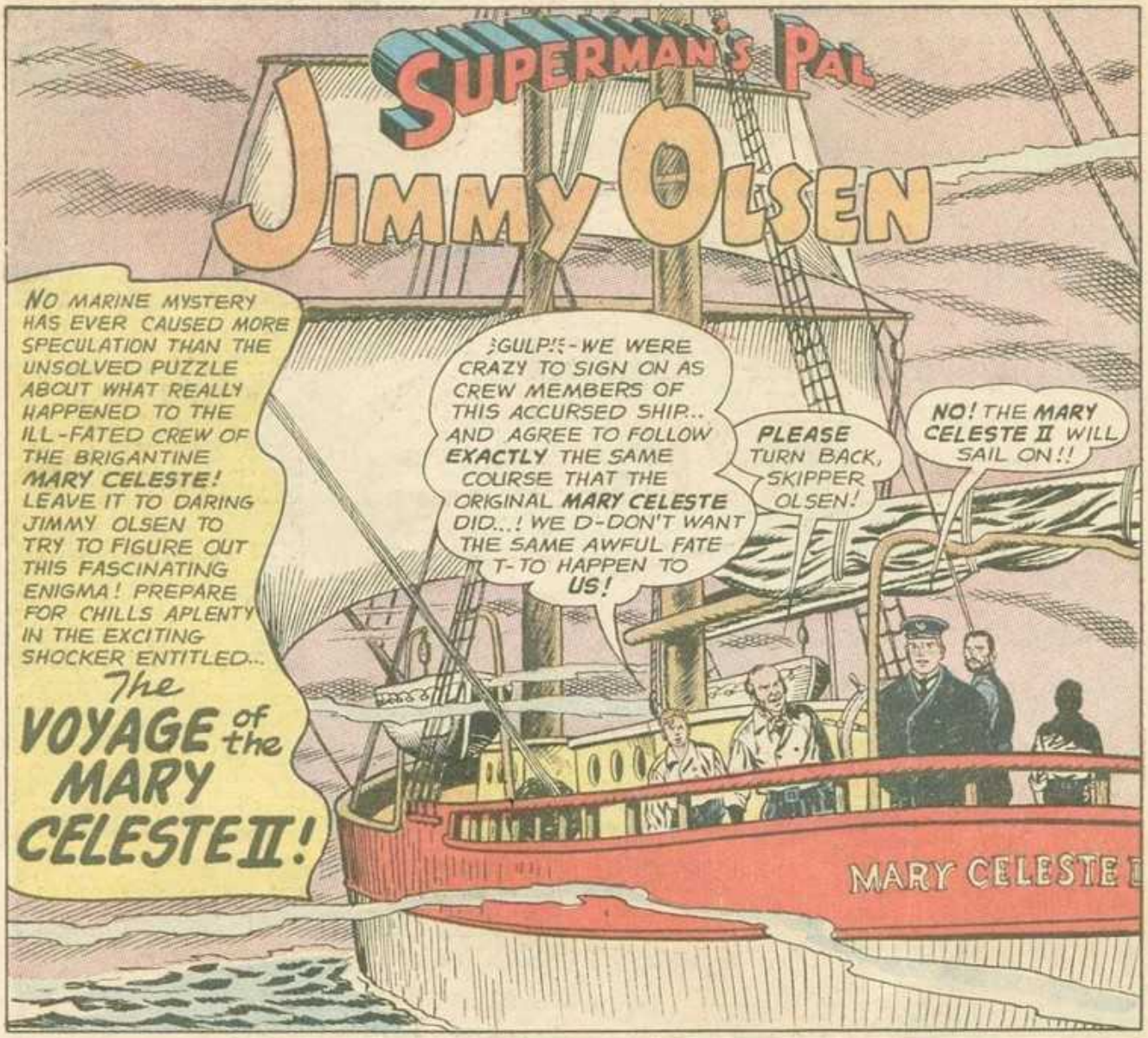
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NO MARINE MYSTERY HAS EVER CAUSED MORE SPECULATION THAN THE UNSOLVED PUZZLE ABOUT WHAT REALLY HAPPENED TO THE ILL-FATED CREW OF THE BRIGANTINE MARY CELESTE! LEAVE IT TO DARING JIMMY OLSEN TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT THIS FASCINATING ENIGMA! PREPARE FOR CHILLS APLENTY IN THE EXCITING SHOCKER ENTITLED...
The VOYAGE of the MARY CELESTE II!
GULP!-WE WERE CRAZY TO SIGN ON AS CREW MEMBERS OF THIS ACCURSED SHIP... AND AGREE TO FOLLOW EXACTLY THE SAME COURSE THAT THE ORIGINAL MARY CELESTE DID...! WE D-DON'T WANT THE SAME AWFUL FATE T-TO HAPPEN TO US!
PLEASE TURN BACK, SKIPPER OLSEN!
NO! THE MARY CELESTE II WILL SAIL ON!!
MARY CELESTE

ONE MORNING, AT THE DAILY PLANET...
JIMMY, I WANT YOU TO WRITE A FEATURE SERIES ABOUT FAMOUS "MYSTERIES OF THE SEA"!
GREAT IDEA, BOSS! I'LL DRIVE OUT TO THE SEAMAN'S SEAPORT MUSEUM AND SEE IF I CAN PICK UP SOME LEADS.

LATER, AT THE MUSEUM...
THERE SHE IS, MATEY... THE MARY CELESTE, THE GREATEST SEA MYSTERY OF ALL TIME!--EDWARD MOORHOUSE, THE GRANDSON OF THE CAPTAIN WHO FOUND THE SHIP ADRIFT WITHOUT A CREW, LIVES NEAR HERE! WHY DON'T YOU...
I'LL GO SEE HIM AT ONCE!
SOUVENIRS
MARY CELESTE

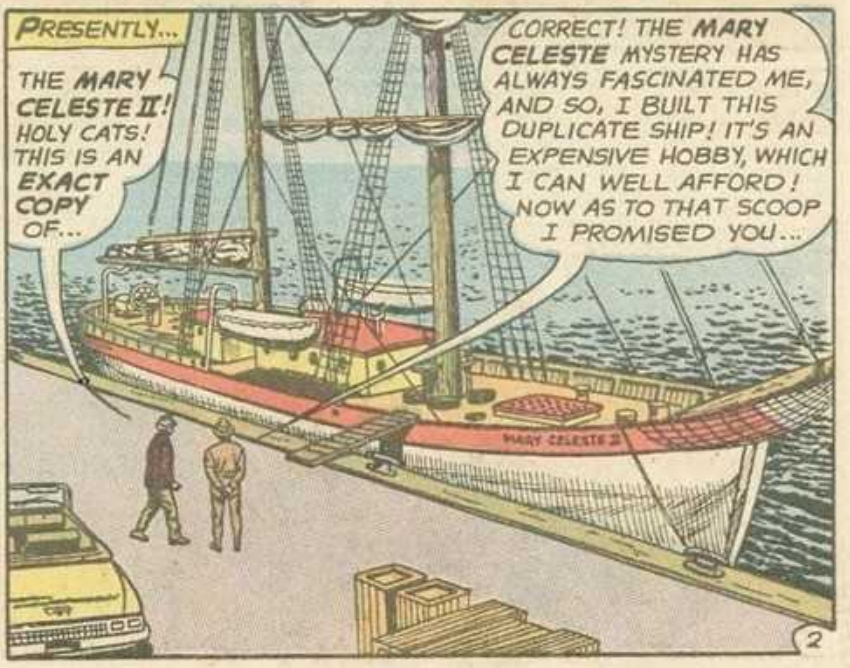
SHORTLY...
WHEN YOUR GRANDFATHER AND OTHERS FROM THE BRIGANTINE DEI GRATIA BOARDED THE MARY CELESTE IN THE AZORES BACK ON DEC. 15, 1872, WHAT DID THEY FIND, MR. MOORHOUSE?
NOT ONE LIVING SOUL!

"CAPTAIN BENJAMIN BRIGGS, HIS WIFE, CHILD, AND THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE CREW HAD...VANISHED.!
INCREDIBLE, NO ONE'S HERE! NOT A LIFE-BOAT IS MISSING! THE SEA IS CALM... THERE WAS NO STORM... THERE'S NOT ANOTHER VESSEL IN SIGHT!
AND LOOK! FOOD IS STILL COOKING... THE TABLE IS SERVED... AND THERE'S STILL A LIT PIPE! THEY MUST HAVE VANISHED JUST MINUTES AGO!

TO THIS DAY, NO ONE KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE ABOARD THE MARY CELESTE! PERHAPS WE'LL NEVER FIND OUT!
IT SURE LOOKS THAT WAY! THANKS AGAIN, MR. MOORHOUSE, FOR THE INTERVIEW...

AFTER JIMMY'S STORY IS PUBLISHED...
SWELL JOB, JIMMY! EVERYONE'S RAVING ABOUT YOUR ARTICLE!
THANKS, CHIEF... I MEAN, BOSS! EXCUSE ME, MY PHONE'S RINGING...
R-RING!

MR. OLSEN, I'M JEFF CONWAY, PRESIDENT OF THE CONWAY SHIPBUILDING CORPORATION. I ENJOYED YOUR ARTICLE ON THE CELESTE. IF YOU COME DOWN TO MY SHIPYARD, I'VE AN EVEN BIGGER STORY FOR YOU!
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!


PRESENTLY...
THE MARY CELESTE II! HOLY CATS! THIS IS AN EXACT COPY OF...
CORRECT! THE MARY CELESTE MYSTERY HAS ALWAYS FASCINATED ME, AND SO, I BUILT THIS DUPLICATE SHIP! IT'S AN EXPENSIVE HOBBY, WHICH I CAN WELL AFFORD! NOW AS TO THAT SCOOP I PROMISED YOU...
MARY CELESTE II
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HOW'D YOU LIKE TO SAIL THE MARY CELESTE ON THE VERY SAME COURSE THE ORIGINAL MARY CELESTE TRAVELED...IN AN ATTEMPT TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY? YOU'D GET A BIG STORY, AND MY FIRM WOULD GET VALUABLE PUBLICITY...
IT'S A DEAL!
WOW! PERRY'LL LOVE THIS!
A WEEK LATER...
SO NO SEAMEN WILL SIGN UP FOR THE CREW, EH? YOU CAN'T BLAME THEM FOR FEARING THE SAME FATE WILL OVERTAKE THEM THAT HAPPENED BACK IN 1872! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
CREW-HUNTING... ON THE WATER-FRONT!
BUT IN EVERY SEAMAN HANGOUT, THE STORY IS THE SAME...
WHAT ARE YOU, A PACK OF SUPERSTITIOUS COWARDS? VOLUNTEER SOMEONE!
AVAST, LAND-LUBBER! GET LOST! THAT PART OF THE AZORES HAS BEEN ACCURSED FOR CENTURIES! WE W/ NT NO PART OF IT!
AND THEN...
GOOD NEWS, JIMMY! I'VE SIGNED UP A CREW FOR YOU! THESE ARE TOUGH ADVENTURERS WHO WELCOME DANGER! THEY CALL THEMSELVES "THE FEARLESS FIVE"!
GREAT! WE'LL DRESS JUST LIKE MARINERS DID 100 YEARS AGO--BUT THE SHIP WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH A SONAR LISTENING DEVICE AND WIRELESS RADIO! WE'LL SOLVE THE MYSTERY, BY GOSH!
A FEW DAYS LATER, AS LUCY LANE AND PERRY VISIT THE MARY CELESTE II, WHICH IS ABOUT TO SET SAIL...
I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU, JIMMY! PLEASE ACCEPT THIS LUCKY PIECE I HAD MADE ESPECIALLY FOR YOU! MY PICTURE IS ON THE FRONT OF IT! NOW TURN IT OVER...
THERE'S A FOUR-LEAF CLOVER ENGRAVED ON THE BACK, AND... A MESSAGE! GEE, THANKS, LUCY!
I... I HOPE MY LITTLE GIFT WILL BE LUCKY FOR YOU!
GOOD LUCK TO JIMMY FROM LUCY
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OFF SAILS THE MARY CELESTE II, TOWARD THE UNKNOWN, FOLLOWING THE COURSE OF ITS NAMESAKE CRAFT...
WE'LL ALL BE FAMOUS WHEN WE SOLVE THE MYSTERY!
WHAT A GREAT CREW! THEY'RE LAUGHING... UNAFRAID! I'M PROUD OF 'EM!

BUT IT'S A DIFFERENT STORY WHEN THEY NEAR THE MYSTERY AREA IN THE AZORES...
THAT FOG DROPPED DOWN ON US LIKE THE HAND OF DEATH! THERE'S SOMETHING EVIL OUT THERE! DO YOU SENSE IT TOO, MATEY?
YEAH... AND I DON'T LIKE IT, NOHOW!

SKIPPER OLSEN, WE'RE SORRY WE EVER SIGNED UP! PLEASE TURN BACK BEFORE THE SAME FATE HAPPENS TO US THAT BEFELL THE CREW OF THE MARY CELESTE!
NO! GET BACK TO YOUR DUTIES!
AND I THOUGHT THEY WERE BRAVE!

A LITTLE LATER, AS JIMMY FINDS A DETECTIVE TRUE STORY MAGAZINE, AND GLANCES THROUGH IT...
YIPES! THESE PICTURES OF THE MEN WHO ARE WANTED BY THE F.B.I. FOR KILLING TWO BANK GUARDS AND MAKING OFF WITH A MILLION DOLLARS IN LOOT! THEY'RE... MY CREW MEMBERS!
WANTED BY THE F.B.I. DEAD OR ALIVE!

SO THAT'S WHY THEY VOLUNTEERED WHEN NO ONE ELSE WOULD! THEY'RE USING THIS SHIP TO SKIP OUT OF THE COUNTRY!
GETTING AN EYEFUL, OLSEN?... GRAB HIM, MEN!
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I'LL TAKE HIS WATCH SO HE CAN'T SIGNAL SUPERMAN FOR HELP!
RIGHT! NOW WE'LL GIVE ALL THE ORDERS ON THIS VESSEL!

SO YOU'RE ESCAPING CROOKS, EH? YOU'RE MORE A "FUGITIVE FIVE" THAN A "FEARLESS FIVE"!
RIGHT! WHEN WE REACH THE SHIP THAT'S GONNA PICK US UP AT THE RENDEZVOUS SPOT, WE'LL KNOCK YOU OFF! THEN WE'LL SAIL TO A COUNTRY WHERE THE F.B.I. CAN'T EXTRADITE US!
MEANWHILE, WE'LL KEEP YOU AROUND JUST FOR LAUGHS! I HEREBY DEMOTE YOU FROM SKIPPER TO MESS-BOY! SERVE US CHOW ON DECK... OR ELSE!
WHAT A COME-DOWN! IF I RESIST, THEY'LL FINISH ME RIGHT NOW! THEY'RE KILLERS, AND THEY HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE!
MINUTES LATER, ON DECK...
CLUMSY! HA, HA!
OOPS!
HE TRIPPED ME ON PURPOSE! BUT I DON'T DARE PROTEST!
YOU'RE A CLUMSY OAF, OLSEN! DIDN'T YOUR MOMMA TEACH YOU NO MANNERS?
BRING US SOME EATS, THEN SWAB THE DECK! PRONTO!
PRESENTLY, AS JIMMY SCRUBS THE DECK...
THIS IS... HUMILIATING! --ULP! THAT LUCKY PIECE LUCY GAVE ME FELL OUT OF MY POCKET AND DOWN INTO THAT CRACK IN THE FLOORING!
IT'S STUCK FAR ENOUGH DOWN SO I CAN SEE THE COIN, BUT CAN'T GET IT OUT! MY LUCK... HAS RUN OUT...
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AS THE VOYAGE CONTINUES...

ACCORDING TO THIS SEXTANT, IN A FEW MINUTES WE'LL BE IN THE **EXACT** LONGITUDE AND LATITUDE WHERE THE ORIGINAL **MARY CELESTE** LOST ITS PASSENGERS!

THAT'S A STORY FOR SUPERSTITIOUS FOOLS! NOW GO BELOW, BOOB, AND BRING US SOME COFFEE!

WHEN JIMMY RETURNS A FEW MINUTES LATER...

HEY! WHERE'D EVERYBODY GO?

BUT AS JIMMY SEARCHES THE SHIP THOROUGHLY...

;GASP!;- I COULDN'T FIND ANYONE! NONE OF THE LIFEBOATS IS MISSING... THE FOG LIFTED AND THERE'S NO SHIP AROUND THAT COULD HAVE TAKEN THE CREW AWAY! THE SEA'S CALM, ONLY THAT SMOKING PIPE PROVES THEY WERE HERE MINUTES AGO! ...HISTORY IS **REPEATING** ITSELF!

QUICKLY, JIMMY TURNS ON THE SHIP'S SONAR DEVICE, AND THE WIRELESS...

CAN'T HEAR ANY MOTORS, SO THEY COULDN'T HAVE FLED IN A SUB!

JIMMY OLSEN CALLING **DAILY PLANET** IN **METROPOLIS!** GET WORD TO **SUPERMAN** THAT THE CREW OF THE **MARY CELESTE II** HAS VANISHED, JUST LIKE THE MEN OF THE ORIGINAL SHIP DID!

MEANWHILE, INSIDE A CONCEALED, LEAD-LINED CHAMBER BENEATH THE DECK...

HA, HA! THIS ELECTRONIC SNOOP DEVICE REVEALS OLSEN FELL FOR OUR HOAX AND IS RADIOING FOR HELP! THINGS ARE WORKING OUT JUST AS WE PLANNED!

IF HE ONLY KNEW WE PLANTED THAT DETECTIVE MAGAZINE PURPOSELY, SO HE'D FIND IT--AND THAT WE HID HERE WHEN HE WENT BELOW DECK!

THE F.B.I. WILL THINK THAT WE'VE VANISHED FOREVER, LIKE THOSE SEAMEN IN 1872!

HA, HA!--OLSEN DOESN'T REALIZE JEFF CONWAY IS THE SECRET BRAINS OF OUR MOB! CONWAY DREAMED UP THIS SCHEME AFTER READING OLSEN'S STORY ON THE **MARY CELESTE!**

AFTER SUPERMAN FLIES THIS SHIP BACK TO CONWAY'S SHIPYARD, WE'LL SNEAK OUT OF THIS HOLD AT NIGHTFALL, THEN AN UNDERWORLD DOC WE KNOW WILL USE PLASTIC SURGERY TO GIVE US NEW FACES!
YEAH! HA, HA!
WE EVEN GOT OUR NEW FACES PICKED OUT! THIS IS HOW WE'LL LOOK, BEFORE... AND AFTER!
WE'LL BE ABLE TO LIVE LIKE KINGS IN THE U.S., SINCE THE F.B.I. WILL THINK WE WERE VICTIMS OF THE MARY CELESTE CURSE AND STOP HUNTING FOR US!
BUT AS JIMMY RESUMES SEARCHING...
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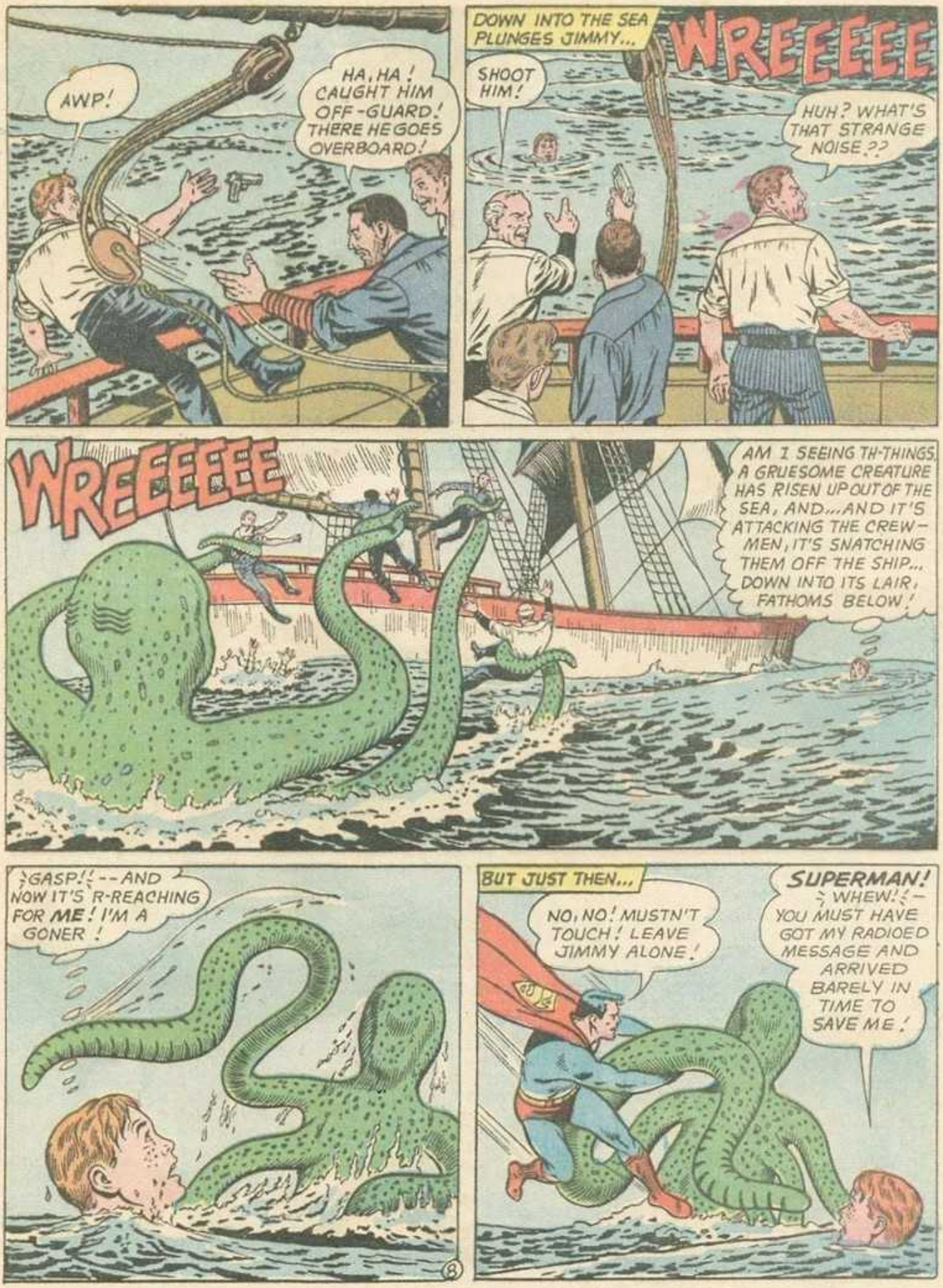
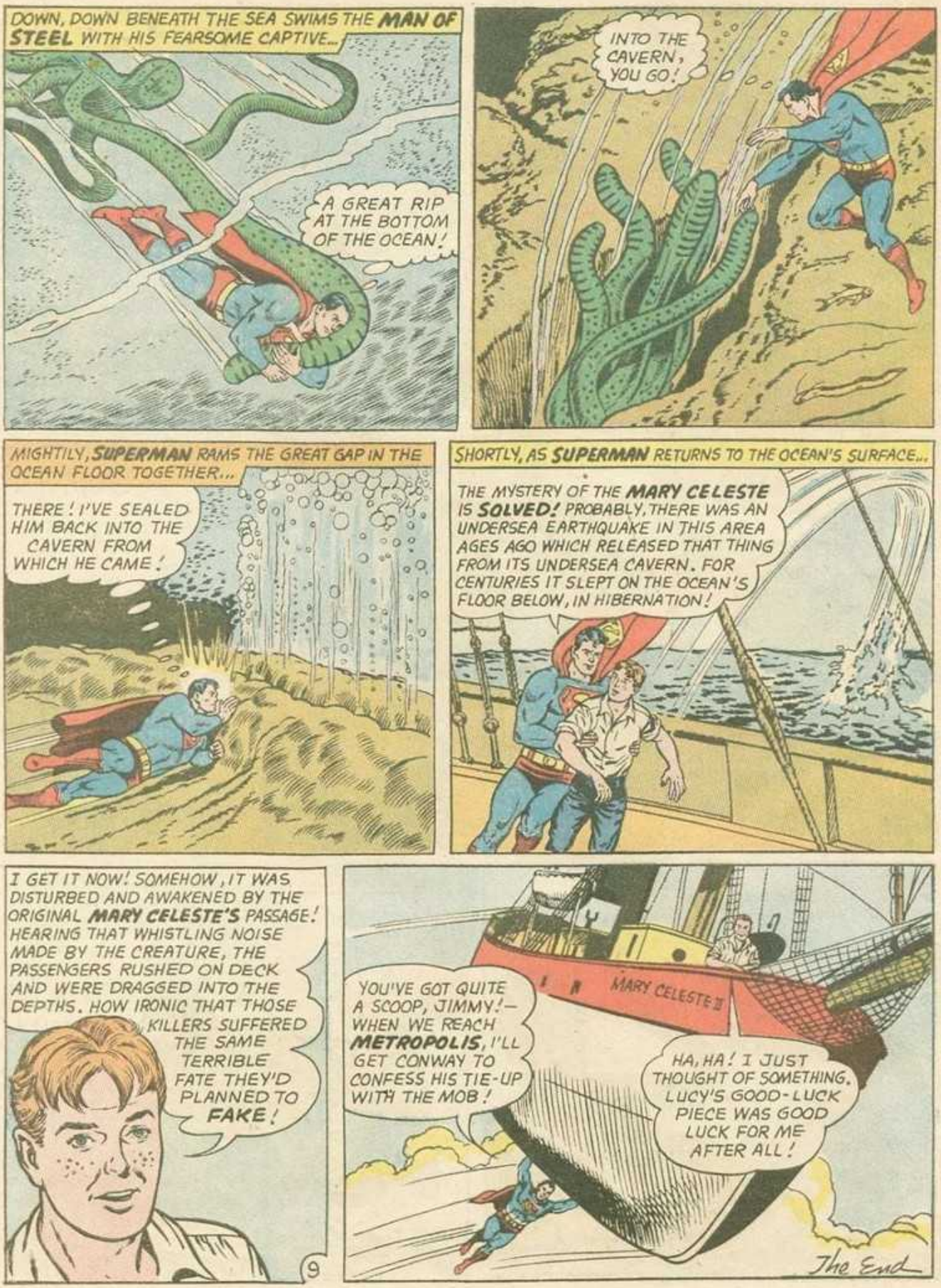
THAT LUCKY PIECE I DROPPED INTO A CRACK BETWEEN THE FLOOR-BOARDS! IT... DISAPPEARED! HOW COME??
CURIOUSLY, JIMMY FEELS ABOUT THE DECK FLOOR. THEN, AS HE PRESSES AGAINST A BOARD WHICH IS ATOP A CONCEALED SPRING...
A HIDDEN LID POPPED OPEN! SO THAT'S WHY THE PIECE WASN'T THERE! IT FELL INTO THE HIDDEN HOLD WHEN THOSE CROOKS HID IN THERE!--HERE I GO...!
I'LL TAKE THAT GUN UGLY! NOW REACH, YOU GUYS! GET ON DECK, QUICK! I'M IN COMMAND AGAIN!
HE'S GOT US COVERED!
SECONDS LATER...
WE WERE ONLY KIDDING, OLSEN! IT WAS ALL A JOKE!
STOP TRYING TO STALL! GIVE ME BACK MY SIGNAL-WATCH!


AWP!
HA, HA! CAUGHT HIM OFF-GUARD! THERE HE GOES OVERBOARD!
DOWN INTO THE SEA PLUNGES JIMMY...
WREEEEEE
SHOOT HIM!
HUH? WHAT'S THAT STRANGE NOISE??
WREEEEEEE
AM I SEEING TH-THINGS. A GRUESOME CREATURE HAS RISEN UP OUT OF THE SEA, AND... AND IT'S ATTACKING THE CREW-MEN, IT'S SNATCHING THEM OFF THE SHIP... DOWN INTO ITS LAIR, FATHOMS BELOW!
GASP!!--AND NOW IT'S R-REACHING FOR ME! I'M A GONER!
BUT JUST THEN...
NO, NO! MUSTN'T TOUCH! LEAVE JIMMY ALONE!
SUPERMAN!
WHEW!!--YOU MUST HAVE GOT MY RADIOED MESSAGE AND ARRIVED BARELY IN TIME TO SAVE ME!


DOWN, DOWN BENEATH THE SEA SWIMS THE MAN OF STEEL WITH HIS FEARSOME CAPTIVE...
A GREAT RIP AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN!
INTO THE CAVERN, YOU GO!
MIGHTILY, SUPERMAN RAMS THE GREAT GAP IN THE OCEAN FLOOR TOGETHER...
THERE! I'VE SEALED HIM BACK INTO THE CAVERN FROM WHICH HE CAME!
SHORTLY, AS SUPERMAN RETURNS TO THE OCEAN'S SURFACE...
THE MYSTERY OF THE MARY CELESTE IS SOLVED! PROBABLY, THERE WAS AN UNDERSEA EARTHQUAKE IN THIS AREA AGES AGO WHICH RELEASED THAT THING FROM ITS UNDERSEA CAVERN. FOR CENTURIES IT SLEPT ON THE OCEAN'S FLOOR BELOW, IN HIBERNATION!
I GET IT NOW! SOMEHOW, IT WAS DISTURBED AND AWAKENED BY THE ORIGINAL MARY CELESTE'S PASSAGE! HEARING THAT WHISTLING NOISE MADE BY THE CREATURE, THE PASSENGERS RUSHED ON DECK AND WERE DRAGGED INTO THE DEPTHS. HOW IRONIC THAT THOSE KILLERS SUFFERED THE SAME TERRIBLE FATE THEY'D PLANNED TO FAKE!
MARY CELESTE II
YOU'VE GOT QUITE A SCOOP, JIMMY!— WHEN WE REACH METROPOLIS, I'LL GET CONWAY TO CONFESS HIS TIE-UP WITH THE MOB!
HA, HA! I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING. LUCY'S GOOD-LUCK PIECE WAS GOOD LUCK FOR ME AFTER ALL!
The End

JIMMY OLSEN'S *Pen-Pals*

Dear Editor: I enjoyed the recent story, "The Secret of Monster Island." The pictures of the bizarre creatures were extremely imaginative. But I think I caught a mistake. In one part of the story Jimmy comments that Noah's Ark contained two of every animal. Yet on Page 4 you show Jimmy and Perry fighting THREE tree-monsters. Where did the extra beastie come from?

Andrew Novotny, Uniondale, L.I., N.Y.

(These beasties, as you call them, were the descendants of the original male and female pair Noah had placed on his Ark. If this explanation doesn't suffice, show this letter to your Dad and he'll clarify it.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I can't understand why Superman told Jimmy: "We'll leave Monster Island and its riddle here for future ages." If it's such an intriguing mystery, why didn't Superman go back through the time barrier and solve it for himself?

Roger Hood, Raton, N. M.

(The Great Flood which covered the Earth at the time of Noah's existence created disturbances in the Time Barrier which would make such a time-trip extremely difficult for the Man of Steel.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: "The Plot Against Jimmy Olsen" was an excellent story, quite up to your usual high standards. But I think there was a simpler way for Superman to detect which of the impostors were androids and which was the real Jimmy. Why didn't he listen to Jimmy's heartbeat? Androids don't have hearts. And even if Mr. Mxyzptlk took away his power of superhearing, there is such a thing as putting an ear to the chest.

Clark Welsh, Arlington, Va.

(Sorry, but your strategy wouldn't have worked. The clever imp had taken the precaution of equipping each android with a device in his pocket which simulated the actual ticking of a human heart. And Superman couldn't have spotted this because, as you will recall, Mxyzptlk had pilfered his power of X-ray vision.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Are you aware that in one of the episodes of the popular TV show, "The Defenders", an actor named James Olson played one of the parts? Was this a coincidence?

Albert Rodriguez, Las Cruces, N. M.

(Perhaps. And are you aware that William Woolfolk, who served as story editor for many of The Defender shows, and who has written several powerful Defender scripts himself, used to write Superman and Jimmy Olsen stories for us several years ago?—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In several stories you've published in which Jimmy visits Kandor, you often show signs there which are written in English. Since when is English the national language in Kandor?

Bill Milo, Chappaqua, N. Y.

(This is literary license, a form of "instant translation" to help readers know what is going on. If you've seen such historical pictures as Ben-Hur and Cleopatra, you'll have noticed that everyone speaks English, even though people in those times spoke Latin and Hebrew.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I enjoyed the story you printed some time ago, "The Secret of Silver Kryptonite," but I was disappointed in the fact that "Silver Kryptonite" was a hoax, and that there really was no such variety of the stuff. Don't you think it's time for a new form of Kryptonite? How about "Rainbow Kryptonite", composed of all colors in the spectrum?

Evelyn Gould, New Brunswick, N. J.

(See the March issue of ACTION COMICS. It will feature "Jewel Kryptonite", derived from the Jewel Mountains of the planet Krypton. Its properties? You'll never guess!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In Jimmy Olsen No. 71, in the story, "Jimmy Olsen Meets Cleopatra", you refer to Cleopatra as "the most beautiful woman in the world." But in my encyclopedia it states that Helen of Troy was believed to be the most beautiful woman in world history. Do you guys know more than my encyclopedia?

Deborah Shepherd, Cleveland, Ohio

(This controversy has been raging for centuries and is still unsettled. Both of these glamorous sirens have their ardent champions. Incidentally, Lois Lane will meet Helen of Troy in the April issue of LOIS LANE, so you can judge for yourself as to which of these glamour girls rates first prize.—Ed.)

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NEWS FLASH! FAMED **PLANET** REPORTER JIMMY OLSEN HAS DIED IN A HELICOPTER CRASH!

JIMMY OLSEN ... D-DEAD? HOW AWFUL!

WHAT A TRAGEDY!

HE WAS OUR IDOL! WE'LL NEVER FORGET HIM!

ONE DAY, AS **SUPERGIRL** FLIES THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER INTO THE FAR-DISTANT FUTURE...

OH-OH! THAT METEOR--IT GAVE ME A FAMILIAR TINGLING SENSATION...! WHAT ROTTEN LUCK! I CAME HERE TO HELP **SUPERMAN**. HE'S TRANSPORTED HIS **FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE** INTO THIS AGE TO HAVE IT EQUIPPED WITH SAFETY DEVICES OF THE FUTURE, AND THE FIRST THING I'VE ENCOUNTERED IS..**RED KRYPTONITE**!...

...WHICH ALWAYS AFFECTS ME UNPREDICTABLY FOR A WHILE! I'VE GOT NO CHOICE! I MUST RETREAT QUICKLY BACK TO MY OWN TIME-ERA! OTHERWISE, SOMETHING UNEXPECTED MAY HAPPEN TO ME HERE THAT WOULD RUIN MY CAREER FOREVER! **SUPERMAN** WILL MANAGE WITHOUT MY HELP!

BUT AS THE **GIRL OF STEEL** WHIZZES BACK TOWARD THE PRESENT...

FORTY-EIGHT HOURS YET TO GO BEFORE I'M BACK IN MY OWN TIME! BUT WHAT'S THIS I SEE OUTSIDE THE TIME-BARRIER...?! A **PLANET** HELICOPTER CRASH! I SEE A DOCTOR, TOO, AND I CAN HEAR WHAT HE'S SAYING!

NO HEARTBEAT! **SUPERMAN'S** PAL, JIMMY OLSEN...IS DEAD!

AS **SUPERGIRL** EMERGES INTO THE PRESENT...

:CHOKE!:--I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT I SAW!...I MUST FIND JIMMY, AT ONCE! PERHAPS IF I WARN HIM, HE CAN ESCAPE THAT... TRAGIC FATE...

SHORTLY, OUTSIDE JIMMY'S APARTMENT...

JIMMY! WHATEVER YOU DO, **DON'T** FLY IN THE **PLANET** HELICOPTER 48 HOURS FROM NOW! IF YOU DO, YOU'LL DIE IN A CRASH! I... I SAW IT HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE!

YIPES!--THANKS FOR THE WARNING, **SUPERGIRL!**

BUT THEN...

EXCUSE ME NOW, I MUST FLY OFF! :ULP!: I **C-CAN'T!**

CAN'T FLY, EH? HA, HA! YOU'RE JUST SOME SILLY GIRL... **MASQUERADING** AS **SUPERGIRL**... WHO'S TRYING TO PULL A PRANK ON ME! AND TO THINK I ALMOST FELL FOR IT... HA, HA!

SHORTLY, AS **SUPERGIRL** STEPS INTO A DESERTED ALLEY AND SWITCHES TO HER SECRET IDENTITY OF LINDA LEE DANVERS...

I GET IT! THE EFFECT OF THE **RED KRYPTONITE** WAS TO TAKE AWAY MY SUPER-POWERS! GREAT SCOTT! MY ELBOW BANGED AGAINST SOME BRICK, CRACKING OFF CHIPS! MY POWERS HAVE RETURNED!

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BUT WHEN SHE DONS HER COSTUME AGAIN...

OH, NO! I STILL CAN'T FLY!... I SEE! THE **RED K** HAS MADE ME **NON-SUPER** IN MY **SUPERGIRL** IDENTITY, BUT **SUPER** WHEN I'M... LINDA! THE REVERSE OF THE NORMAL SET-UP!

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I CAN'T WARN JIMMY OF HIS FUTURE DOOM... AS LINDA...WITHOUT REVEALING THE SECRET OF MY DUAL-IDENTITY! HM-MMM! I KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO CHANGE THE PAST! BUT MAYBE I CAN ALTER FUTURE EVENTS! IF I CAN SOMEHOW PREVENT JIMMY FROM FLYING THE PLANET HELICOPTER, I'LL BE SAVING HIS LIFE!

AND AS THE GIRL OF STEEL REMOVES HER OUTER COSTUME ONCE MORE...
I'VE GOT IT! I'LL GET A JOB ON THE PLANET... THEN ARRANGE THINGS SO THAT PERRY WHITE FIRES HIM! IF HE CEASES TO BE A PLANET EMPLOYEE, HE WON'T FLY THE HELICOPTER AND GET HIMSELF KILLED!

SOON, AT THE PLANET...
THIS NOTE FROM YOUR JOURNALISM INSTRUCTOR RECOMMENDS YOU HIGHLY FOR THE TEMPORARY POSITION OF REPORTER. OKAY, YOU'RE HIRED!
THANK YOU, MR. WHITE! I'M SO THRILLED!
WELCOME TO THE STAFF, LINDA! I'M JIMMY OLSEN!

ANYTIME YOU NEED ADVICE, JUST COME TO THE OLD MASTER; ME!
I WILL, JIMMY! YOU'RE VERY KIND!
HERE COMES HIS GIRL-FRIEND, LUCY LANE, TO VISIT HIM! THERE'S A TOY MOUSE ON LOIS' DESK ...WHICH LOIS PROBABLY INTENDS TO GIVE SOME CHILD FOR A GIFT!
LOIS LAN

SUPER-SWIFTLY, LINDA WINDS THE TOY UNSEEN, AND...
EEK! A MOUSE!
HA, HA! THAT'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF!
SORRY TO FRAME YOU LIKE THIS, JIMMY--BUT IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!

YOU'RE SO BRAVE! OH, THANK YOU, THANK YOU...
YIPE! LUCY WOULD ARRIVE AT A TIME LIKE THIS!

ULP!--DON'T GET ANY IDEAS, LUCY! I WASN'T MAKING A PLAY FOR LINDA! SHE KISSED ME OUT OF GRATITUDE, BECAUSE I PROTECTED HER FROM A MOUSE! YOU BELIEVE ME, DON'T YOU?
NO, YOU RAT! WE'RE FINISHED!

SHORTLY, AS JIMMY TURNS IN A STORY...
OLSEN, WHAT KIND OF STORY IS THIS? "POLICE HAVEN'T ANY LEADS TO THE KILLER! WILL LUCY GET OVER BEING MAD AT ME?"--KEEP YOUR MIND ON YOUR WORK!
I'M SORRY, BOSS! I KNEW AN ARGUMENT WITH LUCY WOULD UPSET JIMMY AND HURT HIS WORK! TOO BAD HE WASN'T FIRED! WELL, I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE!

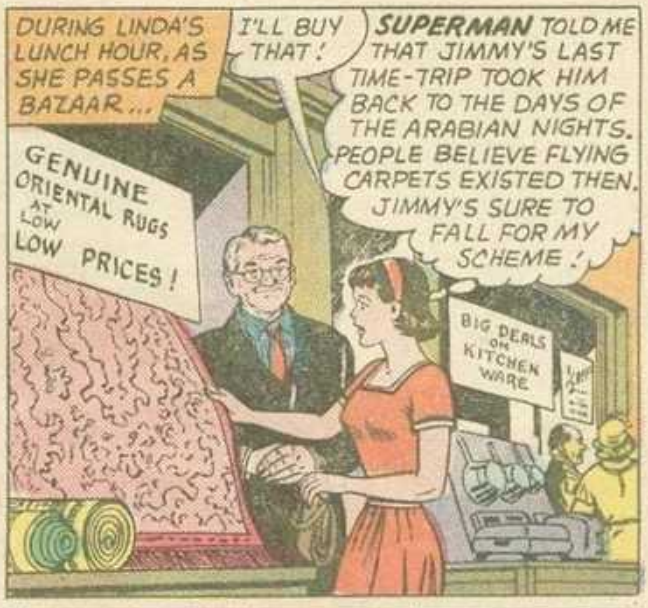
THAT EVENING, IN LINDA'S CELLAR LABORATORY...
MY ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP A RED K ANTIDOTE--HAS FAILED! I'LL PLACE THE SERUM BOTTLE IN MY PURSE AND KEEP STUDYING ITS CHEMICAL COMPONENTS WHENEVER I HAVE A CHANCE. MAYBE I'LL SUCCEED LATER!

NEXT DAY, AT THE PLANET...
WHAT'S DELAYING JIMMY? I SENT HIM TO BUY ME SOME CIGARS, BECAUSE THE COPY BOY IS HOME ILL... AND HE ISN'T BACK YET!
HERE HE COMES NOW, SIR!

I'VE AN IDEA HOW TO GET JIMMY FIRED! I'LL SPRAY SOME OF THE EXPERIMENT SERUM ONTO THE CIGARS SO QUICKLY IT WON'T BE SEEN! WHEN PERRY LIGHTS A MATCH TO ONE OF THOSE CIGARS, THE CHEMICALS I SPRAYED WILL MAKE THINGS POP AROUND HERE!

A MINUTE LATER...
THERE GOES ONE OF THE CIGARS! IT WAS A HARMLESS EXPLOSION, BUT WILL HE GIVE IT TO JIMMY!
BAM!

SO YOU GOT EVEN WITH ME FOR BAWLING YOU OUT BY GIVING ME AN EXPLODING CIGAR! I OUGHT TO FIRE YOU, BUT I'LL SHOW YOU I HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR! BUT TRY A STUNT LIKE THAT AGAIN AND YOU'RE THROUGH!
I DIDN'T DO IT, BOSS! HONEST!
FAILED! BUT I'LL TRY AGAIN!


DURING LINDA'S LUNCH HOUR, AS SHE PASSES A BAZAAR...
I'LL BUY THAT!
SUPERMAN TOLD ME THAT JIMMY'S LAST TIME-TRIP TOOK HIM BACK TO THE DAYS OF THE ARABIAN NIGHTS. PEOPLE BELIEVE FLYING CARPETS EXISTED THEN. JIMMY'S SURE TO FALL FOR MY SCHEME!
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LINDA! WHAT'S THIS CARPET DOING ON MY DESK?
A QUAINT LITTLE MAN LEFT IT FOR YOU! HE SAID IT WAS A FLYING CARPET... IMAGINE THAT!-- EXCUSE ME, I'VE GOT AN ERRAND TO DO!

ALONE, JIMMY EXPERIMENTS...
THIS IS WHACKY, BUT I'LL GIVE IT A WHIRL!--FLY ME, O' MAGIC CARPET!
HE FELL INTO THE TRAP! NOW TO DO MY STUFF!

GULP!--IT ISN'T A FAKE!! THE RUG IS F-FLYING!!!
THANKS TO A PUFF OF MY SUPER-BREATH!

AS THE RUG CARRYING JIMMY STREAKS SKYWARD...
A BOY ON A FLYING CARPET! IF I REPORT THIS THEY'LL THINK I'M AS NUTTY AS THE PILOTS WHO CLAIM TO SEE FLYING SAUCERS!

UP UNDER THE CARPET FLASHES LINDA, AS IT SOARS ABOVE THE CLOUDS...
TURN TO THE RIGHT, RUG!
HA, HA! IT'S OBEYING! WOW!
JIMMY DOESN'T KNOW I'M FLYING THE RUG AND MAKING IT GO WHEREVER HE ORDERS! IF JIMMY KEEPS USING THIS RUG, HE WON'T FLY IN THE HELICOPTER, AND HE WON'T CRASH!

A FOOTBALL GAME IS GOING ON IN THE STADIUM BELOW! I'LL PHOTOGRAPH IT WITH MY INSTANT-PICTURE CAMERA. IT'LL BE PROOF THAT I FLEW ON THE CARPET!
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AFTER LINDA FLIES THE RUG BACK INTO THE NEWS-ROOM UNSEEN...
THIS RUG FLIES, CHIEF! I'LL WRITE A SENSATIONAL STORY ABOUT IT, RIGHT NOW!
THE STORY CAN WAIT! I'VE GOT TO GO TO AN EDITOR'S MEETING, AND I'M LATE ALREADY! OUR HELICOPTER NEEDS REPAIR... SO FLY ME THERE ON YOUR RUG, NOW!

GLAD TO BE OF SERVICE, BOSS! JUST STEP ON THE RUG BESIDE ME! THIS WILL BE A CARPET POOL. GET IT? HA, HA!
YOU COME ALONG, TOO, LINDA! YOU'LL LEARN PLENTY AT THE MEETING THAT YOU CAN TELL YOUR JOURNALISM CLASS-MATES ABOUT!
OH, DEAR! I CAN'T REFUSE! AND IF I'M ON THE CARPET, I WON'T BE ABLE TO FLY IT!

AND SO...
DOGGONE IT, CARPET! I SAID FLY! GO ON, FLY! ULP! IT W-WON'T!
SO YOU WERE GOING TO WRITE A FAKE "NEWS" STORY TO GIVE YOURSELF A PHONEY BUILD-UP, EH? THIS IS THE LAST STRAW! YOU'RE FIRED, OLSEN!
I SUCCEEDED ...AT LAST!

WAIT, MR. WHITE! I'LL PROVE I FLEW ON THE CARPET BY SHOWING YOU AN INSTANT-PHOTOGRAPH I TOOK WHILE HIGH IN THE SKY! AWP! THE PICTURE IS... BLANK!
BECAUSE I HAD THE FORESIGHT TO FOG OUT THE FILM NEGATIVE WITH MY X-RAY VISION, WHEN YOU SNAPPED THE PICTURE!

LINDA, FROM NOW ON YOU'VE GOT JIMMY'S JOB AS REPORTER ON THE PLANET!
I'M SORRY I HAD TO DO THIS TO JIMMY. BUT I HAD TO SAVE HIS LIFE!
;CHOKE!; --I'LL GATHER UP MY PERSONAL BELONGINGS, AND CLEAR OUT...

LATER, AT LINDA'S HOME...
NEWS FLASH! JIMMY OLSEN WAS JUST KILLED IN A HELICOPTER CRASH!
OH, NO! NO!
JIMMY MUST HAVE TAKEN THE DEFECTIVE PLANET HELICOPTER AND FLOWN OFF TO COVER A BIG STORY, IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET HIS JOB BACK! --THOUGH I GOT HIM FIRED, HE STILL DIED IN A HELICOPTER CRASH!!

AS LINDA RUSHES TO THE CRACK-UP SITE...
STOP CRYING, LINDA!
POOR, JIMMY! -; SOB!;
I KNOW NOW IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO CHANGE THE FUTURE, NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY!

JIMMY... ALIVE?!!
RIGHT! HEARD A RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT MY "DEATH", AND HURRIED HERE! --THIS IS MARTY BLAKE, AN ESCAPED CRIMINAL WHO CLOSELY RESEMBLES ME, ESPECIALLY WHEN WEARING A RED WIG DISGUISE!

AH-HA! THE ARABIAN RUG IS IN THE WRECKAGE! --I GET IT! MARTY MASQUERADED AS ME AND WENT TO ROB THE PLANET SAFE, FIGURING I'D GET THE BLAME! HE MUST HAVE OVERHEARD US TALKING ABOUT THE "FLYING CARPET" AND STOLE IT, THINKING IT WORKED!

WHEN HE TOOK IT UP TO THE BUILDING'S ROOF, AND IT WOULDN'T WORK, HE STOLE THE HELICOPTER INSTEAD! THEN, AFTER HE DIED IN THE DEFECTIVE PLANE'S CRASH, HE WAS MISTAKEN FOR ME!
YOU'RE HIRED, JIMMY! WRITE THAT STORY, QUICK!

NOT A CHANCE, WHITE! THERE ISN'T A PAPER IN TOWN THAT WOULDN'T GRAB AT THE PRIVILEGE TO HIRE ME AND GET AN EXCLUSIVE ON THIS FROM ME! WHO NEEDS YOU?!
PLEASE COME BACK, JIMMY, AND I... I'LL GIVE YOU A TEN DOLLAR-RAISE!!

OKAY, I ACCEPT YOUR OFFER! YOU CAN STOP GROVELING NOW, CHIEF!
ERR--THANKS, JIMMY!
URK! I HATE TO EAT HUMBLE PIE, BUT HE'S GOT ME WHERE HE WANTS ME!

SO I MISTOOK JIMMY FOR A MASQUERADER WHEN I SAW THE DEATH SCENE FROM THE TIME-BARRIER!
I ENJOYED HAVING YOU ON THE STAFF, LINDA. GIVE MY REGARDS TO YOUR JOURNALISM INSTRUCTOR!
MR. WHITE, I THINK I'VE HAD ENOUGH NEWSPAPER EXPERIENCE FOR NOW. IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'LL QUIT AND GO BACK TO SCHOOL!

LATER, IN LINDA'S LABORATORY...
THE RED K EFFECT WORE OFF... AND THE COSMO RAYS WILL STOP AFFECTING EARTH IN A FEW MORE HOURS! ONCE AGAIN, I CAN PERFORM SUPER-FEATS, AS SUPERGIRL!... WELL, I LEARNED AT LEAST ONE THING FROM ALL THIS! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO CHANGE THE FUTURE, AS WELL AS THE PAST!
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STILL LATER, AT THE PLANET...
I'M SORRY I FLEW OFF THE HANDLE, JIMMY! I FORGIVE YOU!
IF JIMMY REALLY CARED FOR LINDA, HE'D HAVE INSISTED PERRY KEEP HER EMPLOYED HERE!
SO PEOPLE THOUGHT I WAS DEAD, EH? WHEN YOU KISS ME LIKE THIS, LUCY, I'M GLAD TO BE ALIVE!

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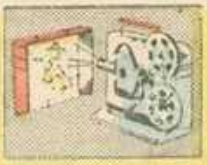
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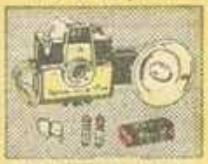
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